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**Senator José Menéndez Issues Statement on Beginning of the  
87th Legislature's First Called Special Session**

**San Antonio, Texas** - State Senator José Menéndez issued the following statement on Beginning of the 87th Legislature's First Called Special Session

*Senator José Menéndez released the following statement:*

“With the first called special session beginning today, I am requesting that we have ample time to review all legislation that has been filed. As a legislature, we represent nearly 30 million Texans who deserve to have full transparency in our legislative process. As a legislative body, we only had 25 hours' notice on what subjects we would be debating, and have not actually seen any language for many of the Governor's priority bills that have been filed. Not only does this give little time to prepare, it gives our constituents and members of the public little time to engage in the legislative process on bills that will have a negative impact on them and members of their community. Each Senate member represents nearly 1 million Texans and it is critical that our constituents have a voice in the democratic process. There is a reason that in a regular session we are not able to hear a bill in committee during the first 60 days. I am calling for the Legislature to have full transparency on all legislation throughout the special session and allow time for the public to participate in the legislative process.”

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